

FWP Region One CAC Meeting
March 3, 2015
6:00 p.m.

CAC Present: Jay Sheffield, Ron Hawkinson, Charles Abell, Mike Rooney, Chancy Jeschke, Kari Gabriel, Larry Lack, Mike Robertson, Dan Short

FWP Present: Jim Williams, John Fraley, Neil Anderson, Lee Anderson, Martha Abbrescia, Dave Landstrom, Mark Deleray, Amy Grout

Others: Former Secretary of State Bob Brown, Jim Cross, Mike Sheppard, Jim Vashro, Tony Anderson, Dan Olson

TOPICS:

Administrative Details and Legislative Update - Jim Williams

Report from Angling Subcommittee - Mark Deleray

Concerns of how FWP explains and provides dual mission of natives and recreational fishing opportunity and illegal fish introductions and is there a way to improve that message? Went through brief timeline with sub-committee regarding the fisheries regulation setting timeline. Distributed draft work plan for Noxon of research and monitoring work. Mark asks for feedback from the subcommittee prior to info going out to the public.

Wild Horse Island Bighorn Sheep Management & Issues - Neil Anderson and Dave Landstrom

One of only 10 State Parks designated as Primitive - legislatively designated in 1993. The Primitive status limits the development of the park. It receives approximately 20,000 visits annually and currently operates with a \$21000.00 budget annually.

There is a potential for help from the CAC with a subcommittee to explore how to better keep sheep herds in check on the island, genetic diversity, safeguarding against disease.

Neil Anderson - Disease concerns are pneumonia, parasites (lung worms), respiratory virus, Pneumonia risk - Private land, domestic sheep & goats; Density; Neighbor risk.

Statewide perspective:

Is there adequate habitat for new herds? 23 KM from domestic sheep & goats? Augmentation - No recent die off? Adequate lamb survival? Disease testing?

Wild Horse Island Sheep Disease Assessment:

300 sheep tested; bacteria observed positive exposure of P13, Lungworm present.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION:

Jay Sheffield: Lincoln Co shooting range is expanding due to gift from the Forest Service.

Ron Hawkinson: following legislature and has been successful in getting some tabled.

Dan Short - HB140. TU is following along and supports this bill. Shares article from Clint Muhlfeld in U of M Vision online.

Charles Abell: Grouse hunting - when we start grouse hunting the little ones are out there....need to postpone this hunting season. Kayakers etc, need to stay within 200 ft from shore as they do not use any lights, etc. This needs to be considered.

Mike Rooney - River habitat enhancement on the Kootenai River. The Corps of Engineers is going to pay for the projects. This will be September timeframe.

Mike Robertson: HB 281 - warden bill, a lot of legislators are not outdoors people, need to pick out the prominent portions that they can understand.

Chancy: Tournament fishing – is controversial, but thinks it adds a great value to recreational fishing and adds a lot to the economy. It's something for all of you to think about.

Kari Gabriel: Raptor facility is running out of meat. We have a number of public programs coming up and partner with the Tribes in many different things. Salvage bill will likely reduce raptor mortality.

Larry Lack - Open Lines of Communication (OLOC) advocate.

Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.